

the title of "Foundress of the American Province of Saint Lucy Filippini." Even though she was the youngest of the five original teachers, she was appointed to be the Superior of Saint Joachim Convent on October 20, 1914. She dedicated her life to the service of God, her convent, and her religion. This woman of vision and great faith died in 1976, but is recalled with fondness by all those fortunate to know her.

The Pontifical Institute of the Religious Teachers Filippini has been dedicated to both the service of God and to their community for the past 100 years. They have built schools and convents and have operated missions throughout the United States and the world. In the 100 years since the arrival of the Religious Teachers Filippini, this small group has flourished and their good works have spread around the world.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Pontifical Institute of the Religious Teachers Filippini as they celebrate 100 dedicated years of service to our community.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 15, 2010*

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 434, "nay" on rollcall No. 435 and "yea" on rollcall No. 436.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND PUBLIC SERVICE ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEDRA GROVES

##### HON. BARON P. HILL

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 15, 2010*

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, on July 12, 2010, the Mayor of Rockport, Indiana, Nedra A. Groves passed away at the age of 72. In a telling sign of her passion for public service, Groves decided to run for mayor of her small town during her retirement in 2007. She worked passionately for the people of Rockport.

Nedra A. Groves was born in Cannelton, Indiana, on June 14, 1938 to Archie and Melvina Gaynor. Groves served as the Spencer County Clerk and was the former Republican County Chairman. Groves' time as mayor came after four years of retired life with her husband Scot. She had previously worked as a city clerk, at the town's license branch, and for nearly 20 years was part of the local zoning office. She was always very active in local politics and government and was also a member of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

In offering his condolence, Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels said of Mayor Groves, "No mayor loved her city and its people more than she did. We continue to work very hard on new job opportunities for the Rockport area, and I'm just so sorry she won't be here to see them happen." The people of Rockport will miss Groves' passion and love she had for the city and its residents. My thoughts and prayers

go out to the Groves family and all those affected by Nedra's passing.

#### HONORING MARK PHELPS

##### HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 15, 2010*

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mark Phelps who passed away on June 22, 2010. Mark was a resident of Stockton, CA where he served as the Executive Director of the Children's Home of Stockton since 1985. The Children's Home, established in 1882, is a nonprofit, private facility providing educational services and residential treatment to emotionally disturbed children and their families.

Mark was born August 13, 1947 in San Francisco, CA. After serving with the Volunteers in Service to America program, he attended Ft. Lewis College in Durango, Colorado, where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a Master of Arts in Psychology from the University of Northern Colorado. Prior to serving as CEO of the Children's Home, Mark served as a Mental Health Staff Psychologist, worked as a Probation Administrator in Colorado for ten years, and was appointed by Kansas Governor John Carlin to the Superintendency of the Kansas State Juvenile Correctional Facility. He also served as an adjunct faculty member at several State and private colleges and universities, and sat on numerous State and local boards for various private and public human service organizations.

Among his many honors, Mark was named "Kansas Public Administrator of the Year" by the American Society of Public Administration in 1985, "Administrator of the Year" by the California State Council for Exceptional Children in 1986, and was Executive Director of the Children's Home of Stockton when it was honored in 2004 by the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate with its national award for exemplary children's services, the "Angels in Adoption and Foster Care" award.

Mark is survived by his wife, Susan, and their two children. He will also be greatly missed by the countless children, families, and friends whose lives were blessed by his benevolent work. His life was filled with compassion and service to others and his work will leave a lasting and positive impact. It is with greatest pleasure that I honor his life, his work, and his commitment to changing lives here today.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF WALTER LEE HOVELL, SR.

##### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 15, 2010*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my deepest condolences to the family of the late Walter Lee Hovell, Sr., a respected philanthropist, businessman and community leader from Mobile, Alabama.

After serving in the United States Marines, Mr. Hovell attended Spring Hill College on the

G.I. Bill. Upon graduation, he began his career at Mobile Gas Company in 1961, where he worked as an accountant and rose to the deserving position of president and CEO.

Mr. Hovell held this position until his retirement in 1995. As a citizen of Mobile, Mr. Hovell was always working tirelessly to serve the community he loved.

Walter Hovell was devoted to improving health and education services for all Alabamians. He served on the Board of Directors for the United Way, The Salvation Army, the United Cerebral Palsy Council of Mobile and the Alabama School of Math and Science.

Mr. Hovell was also a founding member of the Southwest Alabama Medical Education Consortium. In 1973 he received a lifetime membership to the Home of Grace board for his help incorporating the organization, which helps women addicted to drugs and alcohol.

Madam Speaker, as a result of his selfless service and dedication to improving the quality of life for all Mobilians, Walter Hovell was named Mobilian of the Year in 1993 by the Civitan Club of Mobile. He was also the honored recipient of a "Certificate of Merit" in 1991 from President George H.W. Bush.

In his private life, Walter was a proud man of God. He was an ordained deacon and taught Sunday school classes throughout his life. He was also a devoted father to his three children and grandfather to his nine grandchildren.

To his wife, Barbara, and daughters Cynthia, Heidi and son, Walter, and their entire family, I express my deepest sympathies. Walter Hovell was truly an extraordinary citizen and friend to all. His generous spirit and unsurpassed vision will be truly missed.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 15, 2010*

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, on July 14th, I missed three rollcall votes numbered 437, 438, 439, 440, and 441 because I was unavoidably detained in Kansas.

Rollcall No. 437 was a vote on the previous question, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1722) to improve teleworking in executive agencies by developing a telework program that allows employees to telework at least 20 percent of the hours worked in every 2 administrative workweeks, and for other purposes. Had I been present I would have voted "no."

Rollcall No. 438 was a vote on H. Res. 1509, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1722) to improve teleworking in executive agencies by developing a telework program that allows employees to telework at least 20 percent of the hours worked in every 2 administrative workweeks, and for other purposes. Had I been present I would have voted "no."

Rollcall No. 439 was a vote on H.R. 2864, to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of costal changes. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."